STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 35

POLICE

The Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*25th February 2025*
Coming into operation	*24th March 2025*

The Department of Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 36 and 41 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and after consulting the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Police Association for Northern Ireland in accordance with section 41(6) of that Act (**b**), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, interpretation and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 24th March 2025.

(3) In these Regulations "the 2001 Regulations" means the Police Trainee Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**c**).

Conditions for appointment as constable

2. In regulation 3(3)(a) of the 2001 Regulations (**d**), after "or such longer" omit the words "or shorter".

Leave

3. In regulation 11(2A) of the 2001 Regulations (**e**), after "police trainee under regulation" omit "3(3)(a) or".

(**a**) 2000 c. 31. Section 36(4) was inserted by section 23(2) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2003 (c. 6). Section 41(3) was amended by Article 5 of, and paragraph 63(a) of Schedule 3 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976). Section 41(3A) was inserted by Article 8(4) of the Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/912 (N.I. 6)).

(**b**) Section 41(6) was amended by Article 5 of, and paragraph 63(3) of Schedule 3 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010 No.976).

(**c**) S.R. 2001 No. 369 to which the most recent relevant amendment was made by the Police Trainee (Amendment)(Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R.2020 No. 65).

(**d**) Regulation 3 was substituted by regulation 2 of the Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. No. 436) and amended by the Police Trainee (Amendment)(Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020 No. 65).

(**e**) Regulation 11(2A) was inserted by the Police Trainee Regulations (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. 2003 No. 436) and amended by the Police Trainee (Amendment)(Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020 No. 65).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 25th February 2025

L.S.

Naomi Long
Minister of Justice
Department

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend the Police Trainee Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 to repeal the emergency provisions introduced in 2020 to allow the Chief Constable to impose different requirements as to the period of service and training for police trainees in response to COVID-19. This is in line with the commitment to retain the provisions for only as long as necessary to address the ongoing pandemic.

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